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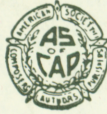
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Jacques Wolfe

October 29, 1948

My dear Miss Jessye:

There was just enough time last night after the concert for me to tell you fleetingly what a wonderful performance the choir under your direction gave. I now take this opportunity to record myself as a confirmed "EVA JESSYE CHOIR" enthusiast.

I have never before seen such a remarkable combination of spontaneity and perfection as was demonstrated by the inspired work of your choir. It was indeed a joy to sit back and listen. I shall always remember this evening as one of good music and complete relaxation and I feel sure that everybody in the audience felt exactly the way I did. There was no question, as you undoubtedly know, about their response.

May I extend to you my personal thanks for the magnificent job which you did with the arrangement and direction of the "BALLAD OF JOHN BROWN" whose words were authored by me? Mr. Wolfe and I were completely thrilled by the performance.

I am looking forward to future concerts by your group because this is one event that must always find a place on my calendar.

With very best wishes

Very sincerely yours,

Irwin Rowan
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